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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
FRESNO DIVISION

TYLA RAY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORPORATION, and DOES
1-20, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-00083-AWI-SKO

**JOINT STIPULATION AND
ORDER EXTENDING VDRP
DEADLINE; ORDER
CONTINUING SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE**

(Doc. 16)

STIPULATION

Plaintiff TYLA RAY (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant CENTENE CORPORATION (“Defendant”) (collectively, the “Parties”) through counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, the Parties filed a Stipulation to Elect Referral of Action to Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program (“VDRP”) Pursuant to Local Rule 271.

2. WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, the Court ordered that this action shall be referred to the VDRP.

3. WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022, the Parties mutually agreed to the selection of Mr. William Klatte, III as neutral and the Parties informed the Court accordingly.

4. WHEREAS, on August 15, 2022, the Court appointed Mr. Klatte as VDRP neutral.

5. WHEREAS, as of August 16, 2022, the Parties understood that Mr. Klatte’s earliest mediation dates available were in early December 2022.

6. WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Parties agreed to mediate with Mr. Klatte on December 8, 2022, based on Mr. Klatte’s availability.

7. WEHREAS, December 8, 2022 was the earliest date when Mr. Klatte and the Parties were mutually available.

8. WHEREAS, Defendant’s attorney Barbara Blackburn is scheduled to be in trial throughout November 2022 in a different matter and likely could not participate in a mediation before early December.

9. WHEREAS, pursuant to Eastern District Local Rule 271(j)(1), the Parties have 91-days to complete the VDRP session after a neutral has been selected.

10. WHEREAS, the Parties request a short extension of the VDRP deadline to mediate with Mr. Klatte on December 8, 2022.

THEREFORE, subject to the approval of this Court, the Parties are granted a short extension of the VDRP deadline to mediate with Mr. Klatte on December 8, 2022.

1 Dated: September 9th, 2022

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7 Dated: September 6, 2022

LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.

8 /s/ Barbara A. Blackburn
9 Barbara A. Blackburn
10 Attorneys for Defendant
11 CENTENE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

12 **ORDER**

13 Pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties (Doc. 16), and for good cause shown, it is
14 hereby ORDERED that:

15 The deadline to complete the VDRP process is hereby **EXTENDED to December 8, 2022.**
16 By no later than fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the VDRP session, the parties shall file a
17 joint VDRP completion report pursuant to Local Rule 271. *See* E.D. Cal. L.R. 271(o); and

18 In order to allow time for the parties to participate in the VDRP, the Initial Scheduling
19 Conference, currently set for October 6, 2022, is **CONTINUED to February 7, 2023, at 9:45 a.m.,**
20 before Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto. The parties shall file their joint scheduling report no later
21 than seven (7) days before the conference.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: **September 7, 2022**

26 /s/ Sheila K. Oberto
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE